

***Reminder!! Reminder!! Reminder!!***

***Important Message to Parents with  
Children Entering PRESCHOOL***

**Immunization Requirements for  
All Children Entering Preschool**

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all children entering preschool (3 and 4 year olds) are required to have the following immunizations:

- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- **Four (4) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine**
- Three (3) doses of polio vaccine
- Four (4) doses of PCV (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine)
- One (1) dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- One (1) dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.

All children entering preschool are required to be up-to-date on their childhood immunizations as well as have a physical exam. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's immunization record with his or her doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.

Remember!!! Ask your doctor about your child's LEAD SCREENING TEST too! Every child under 6 years of age should be tested annually for lead poisoning. Evidence of lead testing is also a requirement for entry into preschool.